

longstanding pro-life protection that has saved 2.5 million lives from abortion since 1976.

Not too long ago, President Joe Biden stated: "Those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them." But his proposed budget fails to include the Hyde amendment, making it clear that President Biden does not continue to value the life of the unborn.

This is why I am a cosponsor of H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. I, like many Tennesseans, believe taxpayer dollars should never be used to fund abortions.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MANNING). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

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#### DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Madam Speaker, I rise to join you in marking 200 days since the start of the 117th Congress, and a productive 200 days it has been. Our majority in the House has risen to this challenge, delivering lifelines to millions of Americans, putting shots in arms and saving countless lives, and sustaining thousands of businesses, and helping our State and local governments keep our communities going.

We built on that momentum with legislation to establish paycheck fairness and universal background checks on gun sales, build greater justice into our policing and our economy, stop voter disenfranchisement, and restoring the principle of one person, one vote, and protecting Americans from the devastating effects of PFAS.

Just in the past several weeks, millions of families started receiving the improved child tax credit expected to lift one-half of America's poorest children out of poverty.

Madam Speaker, before I close, let me recognize one other milestone; The 1 year anniversary of the passing of my dear friend, and a hero and a friend to many, Congressman John Lewis.

I hope that he smiles down upon us favorably for this work, much of it building on a legacy he carried on his mighty shoulders throughout his life.

Brother John, we do miss you. Even as we work in your mighty shadow, may we always be guided by your light.

#### LIBERTY AND FREEDOM FOR CUBANS

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I want to express my full support for the brave Cubans who are demanding freedom from their tyrannical communist government.

For over 60 years, the regime in Cuba has run the country into the ground. It doesn't recognize the basic human rights of its citizens, and Cuban people don't have access to food, economic opportunities, or COVID-19 vaccines.

The Cuban people are now taking to the streets to fight for individual liberty and freedom. As authoritarians do, the regime has arrested hundreds of demonstrators and cut off their communication with the outside world.

Madam Speaker, a communist government will do whatever it takes to keep the Cuban people under its thumb. The Cuban Government has a lot in common with the Chinese Communist Party. Both will stop at nothing to hold on to power and have no regard for the rights of the people they govern.

The Cuban government wants to silence its citizens' demands for freedom, just as the Communist Chinese Party silences those in Hong Kong and Xinjiang who simply want to be free.

Cubans, and Cuban Americans especially, know communism does not work. It only brings poverty and oppression. It is our privilege as Americans to live in a country that values freedom, the Lord, and we must support those brave Cubans who want the same in our own backyard only 90 miles off the coast of the Florida.

#### REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

(Mr. HERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of our most vulnerable Americans; the unborn. They do not have a voice. It is up to us to be their champion and fight for their right to life.

I am deeply concerned by the actions of the majority and the current occupants of the White House. They are actively destroying decades of progress and protections for the unborn, which is why it is essential to pass the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair previously advised, that request

cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

#### NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

(Mr. NORMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, here we go again. The majority Democratic party wants to kill our children through abortion.

I rise today to discuss the importance of H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act. For over two decades, lawmakers have passed the Hyde amendment in a bipartisan fashion to ensure Americans aren't forced to fund abortion on demand with their hard-earned tax dollars.

We have had a strong majority of Americans—Democrats and Republicans alike in the past have agreed to this. Folks, it is a sad day in America, as a father and a grandfather, to have this embarrassing example of the killing of our children. Unborn children are no less alive than I am. All life is a gift that begins at conception, and develops rapidly before birth. To expect Americans to subsidize these inhumane killings is a complete disgrace. That is why I have always fought for the sanctity of life, and I will continue to fight.

I ask for the passage of H.R. 18 so the ban on Federal funding for abortions is not only permanent, but Government-wide.

#### GREEN NEW DEAL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOWMAN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, this afternoon, we are focused on the Green New Deal. And I want to be very clear about why we need a Green New Deal. Our fossil fuel-driven economy is making us sick and literally killing us. But with historic investments in green infrastructure and the care economy, we can do the opposite. We can repair the damage done and give every person what they need to flourish.

In the Pacific Northwest, we just saw a brutal heat wave that took the lives of 116 people in Oregon, 112 people in Washington, and hundreds more in British Columbia.